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BRUSSELS FOR USEC

1. REQUEST BYRNES CALL ON FAO DG BOERMA ASAP AND CONVEY FOLLOWING TO HIM:

A. WE SHARE BOERMA'S CONCERN ABOUT THE WORLD FOOD PROBLEM AND THE IMPACT ON THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES BUT QUESTION WHETHER THE TYPE OF HASTILY CALLED MEETING HE HAS IN MIND CAN ACCOMPLISH WHAT HE AND WE ALL DESIRE, NAMELY A THOROUGH ASSESSMENT OF THE WORLD FOOD PROBLEM AND THE MEASURES NECESSARY TO DEAL WITH A FOOD CRISIS IF ONE MATERIALIZES.

B. A MEETING OF THIS NATURE REQUIRES CAREFUL PREPARATION; THIS PREPARATION IN OUR VIEW WOULD BE AFFORDED BY THE SERIES OF MEETINGS BEGINNING IN EARLY OCTOBER AND EXTENDING THROUGH NOVEMBER, INCLUDING THE FAO INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP ON GRAINS, THE FAO COMMITTEE ON COMMODITY PROBLEMS, THE FAO COUNCIL AND CONFERENCE AND THE AD HOC MEETING PROPOSED BY OECD SECRETARY GENERAL VAN LENNEP.

2. IF DESPITE THE ABOVE OBSERVATIONS BOERMA STILL INSISTS ON THE SEPTEMBER 20 MEETING, YOU MAY INFORM HIM THE US WILL PARTICIPATE BUT IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE PROVIDE REPRESENTATION AT CABINET LEVEL.

3. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO REPORT BOERMA'S REACTION ASAP.

4. DEPARTMENT INFORMING EEC DELEGATION IN WASHINGTON AND EMBASSIES OF FRANCE, AUSTRALIA, CANADA, AND ARGENTINA OF US APPROACH TO BOERMA. ADDRESSEES MAY INFORM APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS. RUSH

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